

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method for continuous coating of an inside of a continuously extruded hollow profile strand of elastic material, comprising:

guiding a hollow profile strand on a curved, arcuate path through a supply of a liquid coating agent that remains stationary in ~~its~~ a location;

wetting inner walls of hollow chambers of the hollow profile strand with the liquid coating agent, and, directly after running through the supply of the liquid coating agent, guiding the hollow profile strand upward, ~~rising in its path~~ along a rise in the path of the hollow profile strand; and

wiping excess liquid coating agent from one or more inner walls of the hollow chambers by liquid wipers mounted inside the hollow chambers, by moving the hollow profile strand ~~being moved~~ continuously in relation to the liquid wipers,

wherein the liquid wipers include at least one magnet or magnetizable material and at least one wiping lip that touches only a portion of a cross-sectional perimeter of the inner walls, the liquid wipers being ~~and are~~ arranged in a region of ~~[[a]]~~ the rise in ~~[[a]]~~ the path of the hollow profile strand downstream of the supply of the liquid coating agent ~~and~~ ~~[[,]]~~ being ~~securely~~ held at a constant position within the path of the hollow profile strand by counter magnets or magnetizable materials, which are fixed next to ~~[[the]]~~ an outer side of the continuous hollow profile strand.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein each of ~~the liquid wiper is formed by~~ wipers comprises a body to which the magnet or magnetizable material and the at least one wiping lip are fastened.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein each of ~~the liquid wiper is formed by~~ wipers comprises a magnet or magnetizable body with a wiping lip.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein Ni-Fe-B magnets are used as the magnet of the liquid wipers and as the counter magnets.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the excess liquid coating agent is wiped off by the at least one wiping lip, and the at least one wiping lip includes ~~of Teflon~~ polytetrafluoroethylene, felt, and/or silicone.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the excess liquid coating agent is wiped off by the at least one wiping lip, and the at least one wiping lip includes ~~of expanded Teflon~~ polytetrafluoroethylene with a density of from 0.3 to 1.8 g/cm³.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein each of ~~the liquid wiper~~ wipers includes not only the wiping lip including polytetrafluoroethylene or silicone, but also a lip impregnated with coating liquid arranged downstream of the wiping lip in a direction of the path of the hollow profile strand and that touches the inner walls of the hollow ~~chamber~~ chambers.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the ~~magnetic or non-magnetic~~ body of ~~[[the]]~~ each of the liquid wiper wipers is magnetic or non-magnetic and is mounted in one of the hollow chamber chambers on rotatable rollers fastened to the body.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the hollow profile strand ~~in a form of~~ comprises a sheet with two outer walls and plural internal webs connecting the outer walls and is extruded, each of the hollow ~~chamber~~ chambers of the hollow profile strand being bounded by two flanges and two webs.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 22, wherein first and second liquid wipers are arranged in each of the hollow ~~chamber~~ chambers, the first liquid wiper wiping only an upper flange and an upper part of the webs and the second liquid wiper wiping only a lower flange and a lower part of the webs, and the first liquid wiper being located upstream of the second liquid wiper in a direction of the path of the hollow profile strand.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein plural layers of one or more coating agents are applied to the hollow profile strand, one after the other.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn-Currently Amended): A liquid wiper for removing liquid coating agent from chambers of a hollow profile, which can be used for carrying out the

method as claimed in claim 14, comprising: a body, magnets or magnetizable materials, at least one wiping lip, at least one felt lip, and rollers,

wherein the at least one wiping lip and the at least one felt lip touch only a portion of a cross-sectional perimeter of inner walls of the chambers of the hollow profile.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): A device for continuously removing liquid coating agent from chambers of a hollow profile, comprising: an extrusion device, guiding rollers for a continuously extruded hollow profile strand, a supply of coating agent, liquid wipers as claimed in claim 23, and counter magnets or magnetizable materials fastened to holding devices.

Claim 27 (New): The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the at least one wiping lip of each of the liquid wipers extends, in a direction substantially transverse to the guiding, from a lateral side of each of the liquid wipers across a bottom side of each of the liquid wipers to an opposite lateral side of each of the liquid wipers, the at least one wiping lip protruding outwardly from the bottom side, the lateral side, and the opposite lateral side to contact the inner walls located adjacent to the bottom side, the lateral side, and the opposite lateral side.

Claim 28 (New): The method as claimed in claim 27, wherein, from the lateral side, the at least one wiping lip extends across the bottom side to the opposite lateral side along a substantially U-shaped or substantially frusto-conically shaped path arranged in a direction opposite to a direction of the guiding.

Claim 29 (New): A liquid wiper as claimed in claim 25, wherein the at least one wiping lip of the liquid wiper extends, in a direction substantially transverse to the guiding, from a lateral side of the liquid wiper across a bottom side of the liquid wiper to an opposite lateral side of the liquid wiper, the at least one wiping lip protruding outwardly from the bottom side, the lateral side, and the opposite lateral side to contact the inner walls located adjacent to the bottom side, the lateral side, and the opposite lateral side.

Claim 30 (New): The method as claimed in claim 29, wherein, from the lateral side, the at least one wiping lip extends across the bottom side to the opposite lateral side along a substantially U-shaped or substantially frusto-conically shaped path arranged in a direction opposite to a direction of a guiding of the hollow profile.